in the mean time (if at leiſure) ſhall be pleaſed to give us.

V. *Part of a Letter from the Reverend Mr.* George Lewis, *at* Fort St. George; *to the Reverend Dr.* Arthur Charlett, *and the late Dr.* Edward Bernard; *concerning ſome Indian Manuſcripts, lately ſent to the Univerſity of* Oxford.

Reverend Sirs,

IN purſuance to your joint Letter, bearing Date the 3d of *July*, 1695. I have procured you ſome of the Manuſcripts of theſe parts, wherein it hath been my Care to get ſuch as were of good Note and Eſteem among themſelves. They are in ſeveral Languages and different Characters. The Names of the Particulars I ſend you in a Note encloſed. If hereafter it ſhould be my Fortune to meet with any of their ſacred Books, as the *Vedum*, *Vedantum*, *Shaſtrum* or *Porane*; I ſhall take care to ſend them when a Convenience offers.

There comes by the *King William* Three Volumes of *China* Books, ſtamped on Wood, which is their ſo much vaunted way of Printing. Theſe are ſent to Mr. *Gilbert Dolben* by his Brother here: And Three ſent to Dr. *John Evans*, by a Friend come on the *Madraſs* Merchant. I preſume, they'll be all preſented to your Univerſity. Of theſe you may have what Quantity you ſhall command, Books being plentiful in *China*.

Mr.

Mr. *Elihu Yale*, late Governor of this Place, got a learned Bramine to tranſlate out of the *Sanſcreet* into the *Tulinga* Language ſome of their Sacred Books. But the Bramine in ſome meaſure abus'd him. However, he tranſlated the whole Body of the *Gentio* Laws into the *Tulinga*; as likewiſe their Account of the Creation of the World, taken out of the *Shaſtrum* or *Porane*, I am not certain which. This Book is writ in a fair Character, and upon good Paper, and upon his arrival in *England*, is deſign'd a Preſent to your Univerſity.

A Catalogue of the Books ſent.

A. The *Ramainum* or Hiſtory of *Ram*, in the Sanſcreet Language, and the Grandum Character, *i. e.* the Character us'd by the Malabar Bramines.

A 2. The *Ramainum* in the modern Gentio or Tulinga Language.

B. The *Bohar'tum*, or Hiſtory of *Virada Raz*, and other wiſe Princes in theſe Parts. An ancient Hiſtory. Tulinga.

B 2. Other parts of the *Bohar'tum*. Tulinga.

B 3. More parts of the *Bohar'tum*. Tulinga.

C. *Parma Teogee Velaſum*, a Book treating of Religious Matters, and held in great Eſteem. Tulinga.

D. *Kiſna Velaſum*, or the Hiſtory of *Kiſna*, in the Arwa or Malabar Language and Character.

E. Contains three Books in the Tulinga. 1. *Anooſha Sanikum.* 2. *Aiſh Rama Baſum.* 3. *Aiſhwa Meda Parwum.*

F. A Gentio Book writ at the Requeſt of an Engliſh Chief in thoſe parts. Containing 1. The Tulinga Alphabet, and their way of compounding and making Syllables.

2. An

2. An erroneous and imperfect Account of the Coaſt of *Coromandell*, and of the Kings of *Golconda*.

3. Some of their ancient Stories or Fables; all in a fair Character.

In the Gentio Book, writ on Paper, are encloſed ſeveral looſe Papers, as

1. *Aurang Zebe*'s Picture, with the Year of the *Hegira* he was born in.

2. A Lion in Arabick Characters, with the plain Reading.

3. An Arabick Writing, ſaid to be found in *Alexander*'s Cloſet.

4. Several Specimens of the beſt Hands here, in the Perſian Language.

5. Certain Characters upon a Seal, underſtood by no body in theſe parts.

6. Several Hymns or Sacred Songs in the Perſian and Hindoſtan Language, ſung in Honour of *Huſen* and *Haſan*, Suns of *Alee*, by the *Eranee* Mohametan, on the firſt ten Days of the Month *Meharum*, when they commemorate the Martyrdom of thoſe two Saints.

7. A Letter in the *Shekaſteh* or ſhort Writing, the uſual Hand Perſian Letters are writ in, which for the Excellency of the Character, I thought fit to ſend among the reſt.

The above-mentioned Reverend Dr. Arthur Charlett, *Maſter of* Univerſity-College, Oxford, *having (as on many other Occaſions) favoured the Royal Society with a Sight of theſe curious Manuſcripts, it appeared by a Sample or Specimen of the Leaves and Fruit of the* Ampana *Hort. Mal. Tom.* 1. *p.* 13. *Fig.* 10 or Palma Malabarica, floſculis ſtellatis, fructu longo ſquammato *D. Syen. ib. Or* Palma Coccifera folio plicatili flabelli-

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formi major. Ampana *H. M.* Raii *Hiſt. p.* 1366. *ſhown to the Society by Mr.* James Pettiver, *one of their Members, that the ſeveral Leaves of all [illegible] of theſe Books were made of the Leaves of this* Palm *wrote on by a Stile.*

VI. *An Account of what happened to a Child on ſwallowing two Copper Farthings. Communicated by Dr.* Edward Baynard, *Fellow of the College of Phyſitians.*

I Living then in *Worceſter*, my Son *William Underhill*, aged about Three Years, ſwallowed by accident two Copper Farthings, but half a Year one after the other. Upon the firſt Farthing, he eat nothing for ten Days, and complained of a great Pain at his Stomach, and drivel'd as if he had been ſalivated; and often ſaid he had a nauſeous venomous Taſte in his Mouth, the Farthing not coming from him in half a Year. After the ſwallowing of the ſecond Farthing he began by Degrees to loſe his Limbs, his Breaſt growing narrow, and the Child Conſumptive; who was after perfectly cured by the Bath, and his Breaſt dilated and grew broad as before. This happening about Ten Years ſince, theſe are moſt of the Particulars I can remember. Witneſs my Hand,

Her. Underhill.

VII.